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SUBJECT: SITREP 15: 13 SEPTEMBER AFTERNOON

SUMMARY. AMIDST REPORTS OF CONTINUING DISTURBANCES IN THE
PROVINCES AND RUMORS OF IMPEDING FSLN ACTIVITY IN THE CAPITAL,
THE STRIKE CONTINUES AT YESTERDAY'S LEVEL. END SUMMARY.

1. DISTURBANCES: LEON SITUATION REPORTEDLY REMAINS AS DES-
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CRIBED SITREP 14. TRANSPORTATION WITHIN LEON IS REPORTED AT
A STANDSTILL, WITH SOME PEOPLE REPORTEDLY LEAVING TOWN. COMOFF
DEPARTED LEON AT 2:30 P.M. AND REPORTS THAT TOWN QUIET SINCE
APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M. REPORTS FROM ESTELI INDICATE LITTLE
SHOOTING. A RED CROSS SOURCE REPORTS THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE
IN GN CUSTODY IN THE POST THERE. EMB LOCAL EMPLOYEES REPORT THAT
LAST NIGHT, DIRIAMBA HAD NEITHER WATER NOR ELECTRICITY AND THAT

SHOOTING OCCURRED. ACCESS TO AND FROM THE TOWN IS IMPEDED.

2. AIRPORT: THIS MORNING, SOME SHOTS WERE FIRED IN THE AIRPORT AREA, BUT TURNED OUT TO BE OF NO CONSEQUENCE. PAN AM REPORTS ITS OPERATIONS CONTINUE NORMALLY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITS CANCELLED EVENING FLIGHT. COPA SCHEDULED THREE FLIGHTS THIS MORNING TO ABSORB THE TRAVELERS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ON THE CANCELLED PAN AM FLIGHTS. TRAFFIC APPEARS HEAVY--EXPLAINED IN PART BY NORMAL HOLIDAY TRAVEL ASSOCIATED WITH UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE DAYS VACATION.

3. STRIKE: TRAFFIC AROUND MANAGUA APPEARED SOMEWHAT HEAVIER TODAY. PART OF EXPLANATION MAY BE: (A) TODAY IS PAYDAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES AND (B) PEOPLE ARE ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE FOOD FOR UPCOMING FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND. IN THE COMMERCIAL CENTERS, THOSE STORES REMAINING OPEN APPEAR TO HAVE ADJUSTED THEIR OPERATING HOURS TO THOSE OF THE BANKS, CLOSING AT 1:00 PM LOCAL TIME. LONG LINES WERE REPORTED AT LA SELECTA DAIRY PLANT AND INCEI GRAINERY. STRIKE SITUATION ALONG NORTH HIGHWAY APPEARED UNCHANGED SINCE YESTERDAY'S REPORT.

4. FINANCIAL: BANIC HEADQUARTERS WAS CONDUCTING NORMAL BUSINESS. ONE LOCAL SAVINGS AND LOAN REPORTS THAT CENTRAL BANK ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY TO PERMIT SAVINGS AND LOANS TO CONTINUE TO MEET HEAVY WITHDRAWALS BY DEPOSITORS.

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5. MILITARY: GN PATROLS WERE IN EVIDENCE IN SEVERAL AREAS AS THE GN APPEARED TO PREPARE FOR RUMORED FSLN ACTIVITY IN THE CAPITAL. HELICOPTER PATROLS ARE BEING MAINTAINED OVER MANAGUA AND BARBED-WIRE BARRICADES ARE BEING ERECTED AT THE GN HEADQUARTERS, LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. FURTHER GN REPORTING CONTAINED IN DATT REPORT IR 6 870 0082 78. SOLAUN

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